

COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEFING: KING COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER ISSUES

This briefing summarizes recent actions taken by the three regional committees formed as a result of the merger of King County and Metro. The three regional committees are the Regional Policy Committee, the Regional Water Quality Committee, and the Regional Transit Committee. We will also include updates on other regional issues (e.g., King County Flood Control District, King Conservation District) as appropriate. This is intended as a summary briefing; staff can provide more details on any of the items below.

REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (RPC)

January 23 meeting summary:

- **Selection of 2014 Vice-Chair for the Regional Policy Committee.** The Committee selected Dini Duclos, Councilmember from Federal Way, as Vice-Chair of the Committee. Councilmember John Stokes was named Vice-Chair of the cities' caucus.
- **Discussion of potential 2014 Priorities for the Regional Policy Committee.** Since 2009, the Committee has identified and adopted by resolution general topics that the Committee would like to have on its work plan. Committee staff continues to gather input from Sound Cities Association, City of Seattle, and King County Council and will prepare a draft resolution based on member input. At the RPC meeting, Committee staff took additional input on potential priorities and briefings that Committee members wanted in 2014. Issues identified to date were included in the RPC staff report on this item. Issues highlighted by Sound Cities representatives included the solid waste comprehensive plan, county strategies regarding homelessness, King Conservation District, Flood District, education initiatives, and marijuana issues.
- **Update on the Review of the Solid Waste Transfer and Management Plan.** This item was an update on progress on the review of the 2006 Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Management Plan. Based on comments received in the initial comment period, the King County Council extended the comment period on the report to February 3, 2014 and asked for additional review. The Solid Waste Division conducted additional analyses and developed several new options for regional consideration. These options were presented at the meeting. The Bellevue City Council received a full update on this item at its January 27, 2014 Council meeting and sent a letter commenting on the options.

February 12 meeting summary:

- **2014 Regional Policy Committee Work Plan.** Since 2009, RPC has identified and adopted by resolution the general topics for its work plan. Committee staff received feedback from RPC members in January and prepared a summary of priorities for the RPC and tasks for 2014. At the meeting, Committee staff took additional input on potential priorities and briefings that RPC members wanted to see in 2014 and will prepare a final resolution for action in March.
- **Briefing on Solid Waste Issues.** The purpose of this item was to distribute the comment letters received on the Draft Transfer Station Plan Review and Update. The comment period ended on February 3, 2014 and a report is due on March 3, 2014. In

addition, the Chair had requested an update on local solid waste vendor labor negotiations, and representatives from the local labor union and Republic attended to provide information on those efforts.

- **Briefing on Work Products and Recommendations of the King Conservation District – Conservation Panel/Task Force Initiative.** Representatives from the King Conservation District (KCD) Task Force and King County briefed RPC on the process, work products, recommendations, and implementation timeline from the KCD effort in 2013. Councilmember Stokes participated in that effort for Bellevue and shared his support for the recommendations and for continued work as part of the reestablished advisory committee on issues that are still outstanding from the effort. The first meeting of the KCD Advisory Committee will be in late February or early March.

The next meeting of the RPC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12.

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE (RTC)

February 19 meeting summary:

The Regional Transit Committee received an overview on the emerging formation of the King County Transportation Benefit District intended to help fund local transit provided by King County Metro and local roads through increased taxes. The TBD formation process is moving swiftly towards an anticipated public ballot date of April 22.

The Committee also received a briefing concerning RTC's draft work program items for 2014 as shown below:

First Quarter

- Election of Vice Chair; January – Kim Allen reelected.
- Proposed Motion 2014-0008 – accept Access to Transit Study Work Program; January – briefing, February - discussion/possible action.
- RTC Work Program; briefing, discussion February-March.

Second Quarter

- Evaluation of alternative measures to identify crowding and transit service investment needs; report and motion due April 30, 2014; briefing, action May-June
- Transit Advisory Commission – briefing by Commission members
- Status Report on the Long Range Plan; if a major transit service reduction is implemented, the Long Range Plan work program is subject to change; briefing

Third Quarter

- Strategic Plan Progress Report; report and motion to accept due June 30, 2014; this is the second biennial Progress Report – discussion, action third quarter)

Fourth Quarter

- Committee usually stands down in October and November, like the other standing committees, in response to the budget process for the County and the cities. This year the King County Department of Transportation 2015-2016 budget will be a major County Council budget work item.
- 2014 Service Guidelines Report; report and motion to accept due October 31, 2014; review and action on Motion, fourth quarter.

NOTE: December 31, 2014 is the tentative due date for the Phase 1 Access to Transit Study Report (information gathering). If a major transit service reduction is implemented, the tentative schedule is subject to change first quarter 2015.

Other Potential Briefing Items

General Manager's Report; standing agenda item
Informational briefings on specific topics of interest to the RTC

The next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for March 19.

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE (RWQC)

February 5 meeting was canceled.

The next meeting of the RWQC is scheduled for March 5.